

Dear Parents/Carers

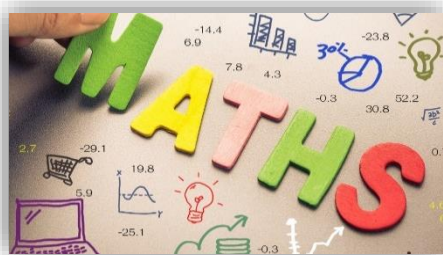
Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term - it is great to be back at school after the Easter break. We discussed the importance of listening, being ready to learn and respectful of others, and the children responded well, working hard and enjoying their new learning adventures. Watch out for the termly information letters to keep you informed about our curriculum offer and children's learning.

**Summer  
Term**

## Curriculum

### Basketball

Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Basketball session this week and are already looking to practising their skills again in the future.



### Maths competition

A team of four Year 5 pupils took part in a Maths competition at Bohunt school this week. The children worked well together and completed a wide variety of mathematical puzzles and questions. They finished as runners-up and the top team in the locality. Well done to Abi, Albert, Naomi and Charlie.



### Numicon fun in Year 1

Year 1 pupils used Numicon and cubes to count in tens this week.



### Dissecting flowers in Year 5

Year 5 pupils dissected some flowers to investigate parts of a plant as part of their Science topic.

### Thinking Garden Request for help on the morning of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Dear parents / carers,

On Tuesday morning, I will be doing more clearing work in the Thinking Garden and would greatly appreciate your time and help with a variety of activities, including weeding; general clearance; spreading woodchip; and preparing the fence so that it is ready to paint later in the term.

If you are able to help any time between 8:45 - 11:30 on the above date, please let me know.

Thanks,

Dawn Filson

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## Uniform

Visitors to the school often comment on how smart Holbrook pupils look in their uniform. Please remember shoes should be black with a flat heel and have no embellishment or logo, with velcro, bar or lace fastenings. In addition, please ensure that children have the correct PE kit, which consists of House colour T-shirt, black shorts or skorts (black jogging bottoms if cold). Thank you for your help in maintaining these high standards. Should you need any assistance (financial or information) in uniform matters then please contact the school office.



## Hair

All children, girls and boys, must tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. Hair should be a natural colour and avoid any 'extreme' hairstyles e.g. tramlines. Accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles, etc, should be simple and in school colours.




## Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn to school. The only exception is stud earrings, which must be removed for PE. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to get piercing right at the start of the summer holidays, so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term

## Safeguarding

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. For pupils to feel that they are able to do their best and achieve their true potential, it is important that they feel safe and supported in our school environment.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues is Mr Ian Holmes. Our Deputy DSLs are Mrs Natalie Davies (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Catherine Brooks (Inclusion Lead).

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for Child Protection		
		
<b>Mr Ian Holmes</b> Head teacher	<b>Mrs Natalie Davies</b> Deputy Head teacher	<b>Mrs Catherine Brooks</b> Assistant Head (Inclusion )

If you would like to speak to one of our DSLs please either call or email on:

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
Thursday 23:59	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May
8 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
29 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> June
5 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June

This week's topic for discussion is 'Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?' – see below.

# TAKEHOME

28th April - 4th May




## In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11<sup>th</sup> March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- > Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Concert
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class Photos
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day KS2- am EY/KS1-pm</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability starts
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes  
Headteacher